Jodhpur-Delhi-Jodhpur A.C. coaches

*153. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jodhpur-Delhi-Jodhpur A.C. coaches are the renovated first class of the erstwhile State Railways whose air-conditioning works below officiency; and

(b) if so, when the codal life of such coaches expires?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A.B.A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, Sir. This service is operated with a total of six coaches of which three each were specifically manufactured as A.C. coaches and built in 1955 and 1956. The A.C. equipment of these coaches has worked for more than the prescribed codal life of 15 years and hence is no longer reliable and is also beyond economical repairs.

(b) The codal lives of these coaches will expire in 1985 and 1986 respectively.

Break-out of virulent form of dysentery

*154. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a virulent type of dysentery in epidemic form has broken out in some States;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details in this regard; and

(c) what financial and other assistance, State-wise has been or is being given by the Central Government to cope with the disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Incidence of dysentery was reported from the States of West Bengal, Tripura, Assam and Orissa during this year. On investigation, Shigella Dysentery Type-I, E. Coli and Shigella Vibrie Cholera and Shingella other than Type I and Shigella Flexneri were found to be the organisms responsible for the incidence in different States. According to the information received from these States, the number of cases and deaths on this account is as under:

	Name of State	Cases	Deaths
1	West Bengal (Upto 16-6-84) .	108867	2925
2	Tripura (Upto 16-6-84) .	13601	44
3	Assam (Upto 16-6-84) .	57285	301
4	Orissa . .	270	20

On the requests from these States, the required quantities of drugs including anti-biotics, Oral Rehydration Salt packets, Halogen tablets, disinfectants etc. costing approximately Rs. 85.00 lakhs, Rs. 26.44 lakhs, Rs. 21.00 lakhs and Rs. 0.16 lakhs have been made available through Medical Stores Depots to West Bengal, Assam, Tripura and Orissa respectively.

Tests of sub-standard drugs

*155. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what are the names of drug companies where samples of products were tested during the last six months in Delhi, Haryana and Bihar and the names of such companies whose products were found to be sub-standard during 1983-84 in those States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Enforcement of the provisions of manufacturer and sale

of drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act rests mainly with the State Drug Control Authorities. The information furnished by the Delhi Administration and Haryana State is given in the Statements I, II and III, IV respectively. (*See* Appendix XXXI, Annexure No. 24).

The information in respect of Bihar State Government is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recommendations of medical education Review Committee

*156. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main recommendations made by the Medical Education Review Committee which was appointed in 1982, and

(b) whether Government contemplate to bring a Bill incorporating its recommendations, especially regarding charging of capitation fees and influx of foreign students in the medical colleges?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Medical Education Review Committee set up by the Central Government in September, 1981 has in its Report, *inter alia*, made recommendations relating to (i) National Entrance Examination for admission to Under graduate and Post-graduate Courses; (ii) abolition of Capitation fees; (iii) additional incentives to doctors for serving in rural areas; (iv) establishment of Universities of Health Sciences; (v) establishment of Regional Institutions, etc.

An Empowered Committee appointed to consider these recommendations has since submitted its Report to Government for consideration and appropriate action.

Railway wagons Lying Idle

*157. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 3000 railway wagons with an estimated investment of Rs 50 crores are lying idle with the various manufacturing companies in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the extent to which the stabling of the wagons had led to loss in traffic earnings; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government for utilization of these idle wagons?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) As on 1.7.1984, 1508 wagons were lying stabled with various manufacturing companies with an investment of approximately Rs. 60 crores.

(b) These wagons are awaiting fitment of wheelsets.

(c) Being the slack season for traffic, there is no question of any actual loss, due to non-availability of these wagons.

(d) For wheelsets lying at the ports of foreign suppliers, the Ministry of Shipping and Transport has been requested to lift the cargoes on priority. For bearings, import of about 6000 Nos. has been arranged to make good the shortfall due to slippages in supplies by the indigenous supplies.